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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL HELICOPTER PROJECT

1. AS IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT PROCEEDS, MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN PROSPECTS FOR EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF HELICOPTERS, AND ADVANCE OTHER USG NARCOTICS CONTROL INTERESTS IN BURMA, IF KEY BURMESE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH PROGRAM COULD BE INVITED FOR STUDY TOUR IN U.S. WE ENVISAGE A VISIT OF THREE TO FOUR WEEKS, INCLUDING BELL AND POSSIBLY LYCOMING PLANTS, APPROPRIATE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN HELICOPTER MAINTENANCE FACILITIES, AND STUDY OF OPERATIONAL USES OF HELICOPTERS IN NARCOTICS-RELATED LAW ENFORCEMENT, E.G., ALONG MEXICAN BORDER. IN ADDITION TO THE UTILITY WHICH SUCH A TOUR WOULD HAVE FOR THE HELICOPTER PROJECT, WE THINK IT WOULD ENHANCE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT GUB MIGHT DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN OTHER FORMS OF NARCOTICS-RELATED TRAINING IN U.S. ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST AUTHORITY TO OFFER GUB A STUDY TOUR FOR THREE INDIVIDUALS ALONG FOREGOING LINES, DURING PERIOD JUNE-SEPTEMBER.

2. GUB REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PROGRAMS BE DESIGNATED BY GUB ITSELF. WE MUST THEREFORE TRANSMIT INVITATION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND AWAIT DESIGNATION OF
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PARTICIPANTS. FROM INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH BURMA AIR FORCE, HOW-

EVER, WE THINK IT LIKELY THAT BRIG. SAW PRU, VICE-CHIEF OF STAFF (AIR), AND COL. MAUNG MAUNG SHIN (CHIEF, TECHNICAL SERVICES, BAF), AND/OR POSSIBLY COL. KO GYI (COLONEL, AIR STAFF), WOULD BE SELECTED. WE WOULD ENCOURAGE, BUT COULD NOT GUARANTEE, INCLUSION OF A SENIOR POLICE OFFICIAL IN THE GROUP.

3. IN LETTER C-269-74 TO CINCPACAF DATED DEC. 16, 1974, AIRA RECOMMENDED INVITATION BY USAF TO BRIG. SAW PRU FOR TEN-DAY VIP TOUR OF USAF INSTALLATIONS AT SOME TIME DURING FY 76. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT, IF SAW PRU IS ONE OF THE GUB OFFICIALS SELECTED FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL STUDY TOUR, IT BE COMBINED WITH AN AIR FORCE-SPONSORED TOUR AS OUTLINED CINCPACAF 142200Z DE. 74. OSBORN

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